

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

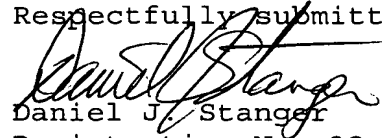
Claims 7, 9-10 and 23-26 are now pending.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 23 has been amended to correct the inadvertent informality noted by the Examiner. Further, Claims 7, 23, and 24 have been amended to correct related inadvertent informalities that were not raised in the Office Action. No change in claim scope has been made by these amendments.

Claims 1, 4-5, 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Orlen et al., U.S. 5,579,535 (Orlen). These claims have been canceled without prejudice, to expedite the allowance of the remaining claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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